



# Press Release

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*308 Maplebrook Fire Fatality*

Sunday, 04-24-2011, at 1604hrs., The Lake County Sheriff's Office, along with the Painesville Twp. Fire Dept. were dispatched to the Maplebrook Condominium Complex, specifically unit #308 for an apparent deceased female. Furthermore, a relative of the victim advised that there had been a fire in the residence as well. Deputies and Firefighters arrived and investigated the situation. After the Fire Dept. had cleared the residence and rendered it clear from any fire danger, a female was discovered in an upstairs bedroom and was pronounced deceased. The female victim was identified as Stephanie E. Sedlak, a 38 year old Painesville Township resident and lone occupant of the condominium. Further investigation revealed that a very intense fire appeared to have originated in the kitchen and rendered the kitchen completely destroyed. There was very heavy smoke and soot damage to the entire residence as well. Sheriff Deputies and Fire Investigators were able to gather information and evidence that puts the time of the fire at around 0345hrs. early Saturday morning. After the victim failed to arrive at an Easter Holiday gathering, relatives went to check on Ms. Sedlak to find the victim had passed from apparent fire related injuries. There were also two cats in the residence that also perished in the fire. Although the condominium suffered very extensive fire and smoke damage, further inspection of neighboring units revealed no obvious damage. Fire investigators believe that, because the condominium had no open doors or windows, the fire extinguished itself after running out of oxygen within the dwelling. There is no immediate known cause of the fire. The Lake County Coroner and State Fire Marshall also responded to the scene and they continue to investigate this incident. There are no further details at this time.

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